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IN THE MOON!"**

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YOURS! HOW DID
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I WAS THE MAN IN THE MOON!



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"I WAS NEVER TOO INTERESTED IN AUTOMOBILES... BUT I COULDN'T HELP NOTICING ONE HEAD- LINE ITEM..."



INTERESTING... BUT THAT'S NOT HANGING FOR ME TO WORRY ABOUT."

"ALL MY DAYTIME WAS SPENT BUILDING A TEST AUTO RACER THAT I HOPED WOULD WIN ME A LOT OF PRIZE MONEY..."



"AT LAST, WITH MY PRIZE CAR, AUTO RECORDS' JOB, I NEVER HAD MUCH CHANCE TO LOOK AT THE MOON."

KEN, YOU'RE NOT GETTING PAID FOR THIS. GO AROUND WITH YOUR CAR! I'VE GOT A VALVE BREAKING JOB FOR YOU TO DO!



"TWO DAYS LATER, WHILE I WAS DOCTORING A CAR..."

HEAR ABOUT THE BIG EARTHQUAKE IN COLORADO? KEN? IT SHATTERED PART OF GRAND CANYON!



"MANY OTHER STRANGE THINGS HAVE BEEN HAPPENING LATELY, KEN! CYCLOPES, AERIALS, TIDAL WAVES... LOOKS AS IF ANOTHER NATURE IS GOING ON A RAMPAGE!"



BUT THE STRANGEST REMEMBRANCE OF ALL... YOUR FACE!





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**WITH THAT FRIGHTFUL, PHOON-FRAGT
JACKIN' THROUGH MY MIND, I ASKED —**



**NO, NO! I DON'T WANT
TO DIE! HOW CAN MY
DYING SAVE THE
MOON FROM AN
INVASION BY
EARTHMEN?**

LATE THE FOLLOWING NIGHT ...

**WE'RE FROM THE FUTURE... WE'RE
PRESENTING A TIP WE RECEIVED
THAT YOU ARE PLANNING TO MAKE
YOURSELF DICTATOR OF EARTH!
OUR CONTACT ADVISED US THAT
YOU CAUSED THE RECENT
EARTHQUAKES AND FLOODS,
AS PROOF OF YOUR
"SCIENTIFIC" POWERS.**

**WHAT?
I--I
CHALLENGE
YOU TO
PROVE THAT!**



**UNFORTUNATELY, WE CAN'T
PROVE IT--YET! BUT WHAT
ABOUT YOUR FACE ON THE
MOON? ISN'T THAT ANOTHER
DEMONSTRATION OF YOUR
POWERS?**

**THIS IS ALL PART
OF THE MOONMEN'S
INSIDIOUS PLOT TO
DESTROY ME!**



**REMEMBER, KID
PETERS, WE'LL BE
WATCHING YOUR
EVERY STEP! ONE
FALSE MOVE, AND
WE'LL HAD YOU!**

**FROM THAT MOMENT ON, THE WORLD SEEMED
TO TURN AGAINST ME! JERRED AT BY MY
FELLOW HUMANS--TARGETED BY THE MOON-
MEN, I WANDERED ABOUT IN A DAZE ...**



**THAT'S HIM--THE
WOULD-BE
DICTATOR! WHY
DON'T THEY PUT
HIM AWAY?**

**YOU'RE DOOMED,
EARTHMAN--
YOU CAN'T HELP
YOURSELF!**

**THAT NIGHT, AS MY FACE IN THE MOON BEAT
DOWN UPON ME ...**



**HAS ANYONE COM-
FRONTED WITH SUCH
A DILEMMA AS I?
ALIVE--I'M A
MEMBER! DEAD--
I'M A HERO!**



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I'VE MADE UP MY MIND WHAT TO DO! THE WIDOWMAK SAID TO INVENT A ROCKET SHIP WITHIN TEN YEARS... AND THE MOONMAN HIMSELF ADMITTED IT DOESN'T LIE!



"THE NEXT DAY, I STORMED INTO THE OFFICE OF A SCIENTIFIC EXPERIMENT COMPANY..."

MR JAMES, I HAVE AN IDEA FOR A ROCKET SHIP... BUT IT'LL TAKE TIME... AND MONEY!

AND FAITH! PEOPLE DON'T TRUST YOU... THEY THINK YOU WANT TO BE DICTATOR...



BUT I'LL TAKE A CHANCE ON THAT! THE VERY FACT THAT YOU PUT YOUR OWN NAME ACROSS THE MOON INDICATES GREAT SCIENTIFIC ABILITY!

THANKS, MR JAMES!

THE MOONMAN'S TRICK WAS BACKFIRE... IT GOT ME THIS JOB!



"HEADS OFF! AS I TRIED ONE ROCKET EXPERIMENT AFTER ANOTHER..."

THE ENGINE MELTED AGAIN! LUCKY THE SHIP WAS UNBURNED! THAT WAS NEAR, KEN, IS A METAL THAT WON'T MELT

AND I KNOW HOW TO GET IT MR JAMES!



"THEN-- AS THE PREDICTED TEN-YEAR PERIOD DREW TO A CLOSE..."

THAT ZYCONIUM-- CERTAIN ALLOY YOU THOUGHT UP, KEN, IS A TERRIFIC SUCCESS! IT'S MADE THIS SPACESHIP POSSIBLE!

THE SAME ALLOY AS IN WIDOWMAK? IF THE MOONMAN HADN'T TOLD ME ABOUT IT, I'D NEVER HAVE THOUGHT OF IT!



WIDOWMAK'S PREDICTION IS COMING TRUE!

THANKS TO YOUR ATTEMPT TO STOP IT! BUT DON'T FEAR-- WE'VE COME TO THE MOON NOT AS WARRING ENEMIES, BUT AS PEACEFUL FRIENDS! THERE'S ROOM IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM FOR BOTH OF US!



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LIKE THE PEOPLE OF THE U.S.A. IN 1776, THE INDONESIANS LONGED FOR FREEDOM AND SELF-GOVERNMENT. WHEN WAR ENDED, AUG. 1945, THEY PROCLAIMED INDEPENDENCE.

THE DUTCH RETURNED. FIGHTING BEGAN. ONE AGREEMENT WAS MADE, AND BROKEN. THEN THE U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL ORDERED A CEASE-FIRE AND SENT A SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO JAWA TO HELP GET ANOTHER AGREEMENT.



THIS ONE, SIGNED ON THE USS REMMIE, WAS BROKEN, TOO. THE U.N. APPOINTED A COMMISSION TO MEET IN HOLLAND WITH REPRESENTATIVES OF BOTH SIDES. AFTER LONG DISCUSSION, THE DISPUTE WAS SETTLED. ON DEC. 27, 1949, FREEDOM WAS GRANTED.

DR. SOEKARNO BECAME THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE NEW NATION - THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNITED STATES OF INDONESIA. IN SEPT. 1950, ON MOTION OF THE DUTCH, IT WAS UNANIMOUSLY ADMITTED AS U.N.'S 60TH MEMBER NATION.





The SIGN LANGUAGE of SPACE!

FROM A WORLD FAR BEYOND OUR SOLAR SYSTEM, VISITORS JOURNEY TO EARTH TO BRING US AN URGENT MESSAGE! BUT UNFORTUNATELY EVERY EFFORT TO ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION BETWEEN EARTHMEN AND SPACEMEN FAILS—UNTIL AN AMERICAN INDIAN COMES TO THE RESCUE WITH AN AGE-OLD SIGN LANGUAGE!

WHAT DOES THAT SIGN MEAN, QUOTE?

HE IS DESCRIBING HOW HIS SPACESHIP TOOK OFF FROM HIS PLANET! NOW I'LL ASK HIM WHY HE CAME TO EARTH!



IN 1955, AN AMERICAN INDIAN FOREST RANGER, IN THE PERFORMANCE OF HIS DUTIES, IS MAKING AN IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION TO OUR CIVILIZATION.

QUOTE: REPORTING TO FIRE STATION! EQUAL HOT AND DRY JULY CONDITIONS IN BLACK CANYON—BUT NO FOREST FIRES! OVER AND OUT!





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JOE STILL WELL-VERSED IN INDIAN NATURE LORE, QUONTO IS PUZZLED WHEN...



FLOCKS OF BIRDS MIGRATING SOUTH, LEAVING THE NORTH-LANDS MONTHS BEFORE THE BITTER WINTER SEASON! NOW ODD...

SOON, A FAR MORE STARTLING SIGHT DRIVES THIS PUZZLING THOUGHT FROM HIS MIND...



A SPACESHIP—SECRETLY LANDED ON EARTH! AND ALIEN CREATURES SURVEYING THE SURROUNDING AREA! I BETTER NOTIFY THE ARMY BASE NEARBY!

SWIFTLY, A MILITARY DETACHMENT ARRIVES...



QUONTO: I'M MAJOR TODD! AS A PRECAUTION, WE'LL SURROUND THE ALIEN SHIP FIRST, THEN ESTABLISH COMMUNICATION WITH THEM IF WE CAN!

AS THE EARTHMEN CAUTIOUSLY ADVANCE TOWARD THE CREATURES FROM SPACE...



PERHAPS WE CAN PICK UP WORDS IN THEIR LANGUAGE, OR TEACH THEM. OR, SEVENTHLY, WE ARE CERTAINLY UNDERSTAND?

MAJOR—LOOK! THEY HAVE NO MOUTHS OR EARS. OBVIOUSLY THEY CANNOT SPEAK OR HEAR! THEY DON'T COMMUNICATE BY SPOKEN LANGUAGE!

AS OTHER MEANS OF COMMUNICATION ARE TRIED...



NEEDS! CAN YOU HEAR BY RADIO WAVES?

NO REACTION!

THEY EVIDENTLY USE TELEPATHY AMONG THEMSELVES—BUT OUR EARTHLY MINDS ARE "CLOSED" TO IT!



THEY HAVE "EYES," MAY BE THEY USE VISUAL COMMUNICATION!



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FRANKLY DRAWING A MAP OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM, PLANNING THE MAJOR POINTS TO EACH PLANET, IN TURN...

NO SIGN OF RECOGNITION! THEY ACT AS IF THEY CAN'T EVEN SEE MY WRITING! I WONDER IF THEIR EYES WORK BY PARAPAR INSTEAD OF REGULAR LIGHT? WHAT OTHER METHOD OF COMMUNICATION CAN WE TRY?



SUDDENLY GIGANTO MOVES HIS HANDS BEFORE THE ALIENS...

WE CAN TRY JORDAN SAYS LANGUAGE! I'M TELLING THEM WITH MY HAND-MOTIONS HOW THEIR S&P CAME OUT OF SPACE AND LANDED ON EARTH!... IT'S WORKING! WE'RE MATCHING RE INTENTLY!



NOW IN, ALONG WHY THEY CAME! LOOK! HE'S RESPONDING IN SIGN LANGUAGE TOO! THAT ORBIT HE'S MAKING REPRESENTS THEIR WORLD!



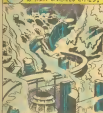
THE AGE-OLD, SIMPLE SIGN LANGUAGE ESTABLISHES CONTACT BETWEEN THE EARTHMEN AND SPACE VISITORS!

WE S&P EXPLOSION MEANS SOMETHING BAD HAPPENED ON THEIR WORLD! AND HE'S CURVING, TO INDICATE GREAT COLD!

MEANING WHAT?



AN ICE AGE STRUCK THEIR WORLD - BRINGING DESTRUCTION TO THEIR CIVILIZED CITIES!



TRAGICALLY, THE SPACE SENTRY INFO ISN'T FULL, AS THE INDIAN INTERPRETS THE SIGN-TALK OF THE SPACE-MEN...

THEIR HAND-MOVEMENTS NOW INDICATE THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPACE-ARK, TO ESCAPE THE GIANTIC GLACIERS! I CAN GUESS THE REST- THEY BUILT A VAST FLEET TO MOVE THEIR ENTIRE POPULATION TO ANOTHER WORLD!





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EVERYBODY KNOWS THAT OLD INDIAN SMOKE TELLING HOW THEY SEARCHED THROUGH SPACE FOR ANOTHER WORLD TO LIVE ON!

THAT'S WHY THEY CAME TO EARTH! ARE THEY PLANNING TO INVADE OUR PLANET—OR LIVE PEACEABLY WITH US?



THERE'S YOUR SIGN-KISHER, MAJOR! THEY'RE PLAINLY TELLING US TO "BEAT IT"! THEY ARE GOING TO TAKE OVER EARTH WHETHER WE LIKE IT OR NOT!



SWIFTLY AT THE MAJOR'S SIGNAL, HIS TRAINED FIGHTING FORCES SPRING INTO ACTION!



SURROUND THE SHIP! CUT THEM OFF FROM THEIR WEAPONS INSIDE THE SHIP! THEN TAKE THEM PRISONERS!

LATER, AT THE PRISON BARRACKS OF THE MILITARY CAMP...

GOOD WORK, SQUANTO! YOUR SIGN LANGUAGE GOT THE TRUTH OUT OF THEM, SAVING EARTH FROM INVASION! WHEN THEIR OTHER SHIPS ARRIVE, WE'LL SHOOT THEM DOWN!



BUT STRANGELY, SQUANTO IS NOT ELATED AT HIS FEAT...

SOMEHOW, THEY DON'T SEEM RUTHLESS OR WARLIKE AT ALL! SOMETHING IS WRONG ABOUT ALL THIS—BUT WHAT? WHAT?... ANOTHER FLOCK OF BIRDS MIGRATING SOUTH IN JAWY! GREAT THUNDER! NOW I UNDERSTAND...



QUICKLY, THE INDIAN RUSHES BACK TO THE ARMY BARRACKS...

MAJOR TODD! I'M AFRAID WE MADE A TERRIBLE MISTAKE! I'VE GOT TO FIND OUT "THE TRUTH" RELEASE THE ALIEN LEADER FOR MORE "SIGN CONVERSATION"! IT MAY MEAN LIFE OR DEATH FOR OUR PLANET!





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WITH THEIR PREVIOUS PRACTICE, THE EARTHMAN AND SPACEMAN ARE ABLE TO CONVERSE RAPIDLY IN SIGN LANGUAGE, AND SOON...

JUST WHAT I FEARED! BUT I'VE GOT TO PERSUADE THE MAJOR TO LET ME CONFIRM IT-- BY HAVING THE ALIEN SPEED ME NORTHWARD IN HIS SPACESHIP!



RETURNING TO THE GUARDED SPACESHIP, THE MAJOR GIVES QUONTO A GRAVE WARNING...

MAYBE IF THIS IS JUST A TRICK TO CHEAT-- (TAKE THAT POWER, YOU! HE MAY CHANCE, THEN CONTACT OTHER MAJORS! IF SPACESHIPS AND THE SHIP CARRY ON THE M-- DOESN'T FLY NORTHWARD IN THE M--



WHAT UNKNOWN MISSION TORTURES QUONTO AS THE SHIP TAKES OFF?

BY FREEDING HIM, WE'RE EITHER RIDING THE INVASION OF EARTH-- OR SAVING EARTH! WHICH WILL IT TURN OUT TO BE?



HAVING NO FALSE MOVE, THE SPACEMAN ROCKETS FAR NORTH AND...

RAGING NIKTER BUZZARDS OVER THE NORTHERN TIP OF CANADA-- WEEKS AHEAD OF TIME! THIS IS WHAT DROVE MIGRATING BIRDS SOUTH SO SOON! THEN MY SUSPICION IS TRUE-- EARTH FACES DISASTER!



AND IN THE BLEAK, ARCTIC OCEAN BEYOND...

I COMPLETELY MISINTERPRETED THEIR SIGN LANGUAGE! THE VISITORS WEREN'T TELLING US WHAT HAPPENED TO THEIR WORLD-- BUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO OUR EARTH! THROUGH TELESCOPES, THEY SAW THIS ICE-- SHEET SWIFTLY FORMING AND MOVING SOUTH! THEY CAME TO WARN OF AN APPROACHING ICE AGE!





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THEIR THING MOVEMENT DIDN'T MEAN THEY WOULD "FORCE US OFF EARTH"—BUT WAS A WARNING TO US TO BUILD "SPACE-ARKS" AND ESCAPE! EVIDENTLY THEIR "SUPER-SCIENCE" CAN'T HALT THIS ICE AGE FOR US!



SEIZING UPON A FANTASTIC PLAN, QUONTO WKS A SKETCH ON A PAD OF PAPER...

OUR GULF STREAM OF WARM TROPICAL WATER WOULD DESTROY THE ICE-SHEET—IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME WAY TO DIVERT IT NORTH!



AMAZINGLY, THE SPACE-VISITOR BECOMES EXCITED AT THE SKETCH...

BUT IF HE DIDN'T SEE THE MAJOR'S DRAWING BEFORE, HOW COULD HE SUDDENLY SEE MINE?

HE'S TRYING ME THAT THEY DIDN'T SUSPECT THE EXISTENCE OF OUR GULF STREAM—WHICH THEY CAN DIVERT!



RELEASED FROM PRISON, THE SPACE-MEN BUILD A NUMBER OF STRANGE MACHINES WHICH ARE THEN PLACED ON THE OCEAN BOTTOM...

THAT ROW OF GIANT ATOMIC-POWERED FANS THEY SET UP WILL DIVERT THE WARM GULF STREAM NORTH TO MEET THE ICE SHEET AND ALSO DESTROY THE "NORTH POLE CURRENT" THAT STARTED IT OFF!



THEIR MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, THE SPACE-VISITOR PREPARES TO TAKE OFF...

NO NEED TO INTERPRET THAT SIGN LANGUAGE FOR ME, QUONTO! THEY'RE SAYING "FAREWELL, FAREWELL!"

FAREWELL, MY FRIENDS—AND THANKS!



LATER, QUONTO CLEARS UP THE LAST BIT OF MYSTERY FOR MAJOR TO DO...

THE SPACE-MEN WERE COLOR BLIND TO BLUE! YOUR PENCIL MARKINGS WERE INVISIBLE TO THEM! BUT FORTUNATELY THEY COULD SEE MY SKETCH—DRAWN IN BLUE INK!



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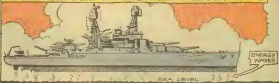
THE "RADIO TELESCOPE" OF THE NBS LABORATORY IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE UNITED STATES WEATHER BUREAU HAS ESTIMATED THAT A HURRICANE SPENDS ENERGY AT THE RATE OF 500 TRILLION HORSE-POWER A SECOND, EQUAL TO THE ENERGY EXPENDED BY SEVERAL THOUSAND EXPLODING ATOMIC BOMBS IN ONE SECOND.



THE ENORMOUS SUBSTANCES AND RAIN FALLING INTO OF A HURRICANE, AS CAPTURED BY EYE-WITNESS WITH A RADIO-SCOPE.

AFTER 70 YEARS, THE HEART OF A HUMAN BEING HAS BEAT ABOUT 5 BILLION TIMES SUPPLYING ENOUGH ENERGY TO LIFT A BATTLESHIP 4 FEET OUT OF WATER...



A BEE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE 219,000 FLOWER-TRIPS TO PRODUCE ONE OUNCE OF HONEY. ACTUALLY, NO ONE BEE LIVES LONG ENOUGH TO COMPLETE THAT MANY TRIPS...





UNDER THE COVER OF NIGHT, THE SPACEMAN LANDED ON EARTH AND CALVIN WENT ABOUT HIS BUSINESS WHERE HE DID WHAT HE PLEASED--AND NO ONE WAS ABLE TO STOP HIM... CRIVEN DISCOVER WHAT HE WAS DOING ON THIS PLANET! THEN A DREAD FEAR BECAME TO GROW THAT THE EARTH WAS DOOMED--UNLESS SOMEONE COULD FIND OUT THE REASON FOR THE SPACEMAN'S

STRANGE JOURNEY TO EARTH!



SCHOOLTEACHER JOEY SANDERS IS LOST IN THOUGHT AS HE DRIVES DOWNTOWN TO HIS MORNING CLASS.



BY THE TIME JOEY COMES UP WITH AN IDEA, HE REALIZED HE IS STALLED IN A TRAFFIC JAM.





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SOON, THE SCHOOLTEACHER FINDS THE STREET AHEAD OF HIM BLOCKED OFF.

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I DON'T KNOW! I'M GOING HOME AND TUNE IN ON MY TV SET! THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO FIND OUT!

FINALLY, AFTER TAKING A CIRCUITOUS ROUTE, JEFF ARRIVED AT THE SMALL PRIVATE SCHOOL WHERE HE IS EMPLOYED... WITH CLASSROOMS ON THE 30TH FLOOR OF A SKYSCRAPER...

SORRY I'M LATE, DR. HURSTBROND. BUT SOMETHING HAPPENED DOWNTOWN...

I KNOW, SANDERS-- EVERYONE IS LATE TODAY! HERE-- TAKE A LOOK AND SEE WHAT DELAYED YOU!

WHAT KIND OF ADVERTISING STUNT IS THAT?

THAT'S NO STUNT, SANDERS... THAT'S A REAL SPACE SHIP AND A REAL SPACECRAFT YOU'RE LOOKING AT! THEY LAND A COUPLE OF HOURS AGO!

HE'S DRILLING HOLES IN THE STREETS!

TROOPS HAVE BEEN SUMMONED TO THE AREA-- BUT SO FAR THE ALIEN HAS BACKED THEM AND EVERYONE ELSE!

SUDDENLY, AS JEFF WATCHES, A COMMITTEE OF SCIENTISTS APPROACHES THE SHIP, AND...

WE MUST TRY TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIM! IF HE COMES FROM A CIVILIZATION CAPABLE OF JOURNEYS ACROSS SPACE, HE MUST BE FURTHER ADVANCED THAN WE ARE!

HE'S TAKEN SOMETHING OUT OF HIS SHIP! IT LOOKS LIKE A BULLET, BUT IT'S SOME KIND OF CRYSTAL!

GENUINE, THE ALIEN SQUEEZES THE PLASTIC BALL...

...IT'S... COMING! A WARNING! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! (over the P.A.)

THE FUGUE! AND APOCALYPSE AT!

HE MUST BE HOSTILE! SIGNAL THE (cough) ARMY TO FIRE!



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AS BURG BOARS ABOUT HIM, THE SPACEDOWN UNCONCERNEDLY CONTINUES WITH HIS DRILLING...

THE ALIEN'S UNHARMED! HE'S EVIDENTLY SURROUNDED HIMSELF WITH AN INVULNERABLE FORCE! SAME? WHAT CAN HE WANT HERE?



MEANWHILE, DR. ALBERTSON HAS TURNED ON THE SCHOOL TV SET.

THE MEN ARE RECORDING FROM THE MYSTERIOUS MIST APPEARED AT THEM BY THE ALIEN! AM I SEE PROFESSOR ALBERTSON HAS BEEN COMPLETELY FASCINATED! WON'T YOU PLEASE MAKE A STATEMENT TO OUR TV AUDIENCE, PROFESSOR?



WHAT WE HAVE JUST WITNESSED LEADS ME TO ONLY ONE CONCLUSION! FROM THE ALIEN'S POINT OF VIEW, EARTH IS UNHARMED BY INTELLIGENT BEINGS! HE'S SO FAR "SUPERIOR" TO US--HE REGARDS US AS WE WOULD REGARD INSECT PETS!



HE HAS NO PARTICULAR HOSTILITY TOWARD US--AND IS AFRAID OF US ONLY WHEN WE INTERFERE WITH HIS PLANS--WHAT? EVER THEY ARE!

I HAVE A FEELING HIS PLANS PROMISE NOTHING GOOD FOR EARTH!



AS THE TV CAMERA FOCUSES ON THE WITNER FROM SPACE...

LOOK AT HIS GRAY REPRODUCTION! MAYBE HE'S COME TO EARTH TO ROB US OF OUR VULNERABLE ELEMENTS! HE COULD BE AN INTER-PLANETARY PROSPECTOR!

I DOUBT IT! WITH HIS SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE, HE COULD IMPROVE ELEMENTS! HE'S ALMOST ABLE TO DO THAT NOW!



SHORTLY AFTERWARD, THE ALIEN ENTERS HIS GEAR, AND EMERGES AGAIN--DRIVING A HUGE MACHINE

HE'S LEVELING THE BUILDINGS AROUND HIM! LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! HE MAY BE NEXT!

WHY SHOULD HE DESTROY OUR BUILDINGS? HOW COULD THAT BE PART OF HIS PLAN?





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THAT NIGHT, A STRANGE FLARE BLINKERS NEAR THE GLENT RING NOW SURROUNDING THE SPACESHIP...

WHAT IS IT--A BEACON SUMMONING OTHER SPACESHIPS?

I DON'T KNOW! BUT LOOK HOW THE PEOPLE NEAREST IT ARE RACING TOWARD IT!



AS THE EARTH-REN RUN CLOSER, THEY REACH FOR THE FLARE--AND FALL--STUNNED!

WAKE--ALL OF YOU! DON'T YOU REALIZE WHAT'S HAPPENING? JUST AS WE ATTRACT BOTHERSOME INSECTS TO A LAMP, THAT ALIEN'S FLARE DROWS PEOPLE TO IT--STUNNING THEM! IT KEEPS HIM SAFE FROM "DEATH" WHILE HE SLEEPS!



AS THE NEWS BROADCASTS, ANGRY CROWDS GATHER AROUND THE SPACESHIP

WHAT CAN YOU HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH BY GATHERING HERE? THERE'S NOTHING YOU CAN DO TO HURT HIM--AND IF HE'S NOTHING HIM, TOO MUCH, HE MAY DESTROY US ALL!

WE'VE GOT TO REMAIN CALM! THE BEST HANDS IN THE COUNTRY ARE WORKING ON THE PROBLEM!



MEANWHILE, OTHER PEOPLE GATHER AROUND TELEVISION SETS...

WE'VE DECIDED NOT TO EVACUATE THE CITY IN ORDER TO DROP AN ATOM-BOMB ON THE ALIEN! IF THE BOMB WERE ABLE TO DESTROY HIM, THE ALIEN MIGHT COME HERE AND DESTROY US!



JEFF SANDERS ALSO WATCHES THE ALIEN ON TV... WAITING, WAITING FOR THE ONE MOMENT THAT WOULD MAKE SENSE TO HUMAN MINDS!

ANIMALS COMING OUT OF THE SPACE-SHIP! WHY DID HE BRING THEM HERE? ISN'T THERE ANYTHING IN OUR EXPERIENCE WHICH CAN SHED LIGHT ON WHAT HE'S DOING?



AS THE ALIEN GOES UNDIFFERENTLY ABOUT HIS WORK, THE FEELING OF DOOM GROWS...AND GROWS...

MAYBE IT'S AN ARMY OF SPACE--THE LAST SURVIVORS OF A DOOMED PLANET!

OR MAYBE HE'D PLANNING AN EXPERIMENT WITH SOME SUPER-SCIENTIFIC BOMB! HE'LL LEAVE EARTH AND AFTER THE BOMB EXPLODES, RETURN TO SEE THE EFFECTS ON THOSE ANIMALS!





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I THINK YOU'RE RIGHT! THOSE PELLETS HE'S DRIPPING INTO THE DEEP HOLES ARE THE BOMBS!

THAT DIDN'T MAKE SENSE! WHY DID HE FIRST CLEAR AWAY THE BUILDINGS AND DRILL HOLES IN THE CONCRETE STREETS? THERE MUST BE A PATTERN TO HIS ACTS!



ANY BOMBS SEEK TO PUT TOGETHER THE STRONG THREADS THAT WEAVE THE PATTERN... BUT STRANGELY ENOUGH IT IS JEFF SANDERS WHO FIRST SUCCEEDS!

THE ALIEN'S RESOLVED! THE RIVER! HALF THE CITY WILL BE FLOODED!

JEFF SANDERS! HE HOLES IN THE CONCRETE--THE PELLETS--AND NOW THE RIVER SWEEPS PAST THE LAND NEW-ON! AT LAST THIS IS ALL BEGINNING TO MAKE SENSE!



THESE ONLY ONE POSSIBLE WAY TO SAVE THE EARTH-- IF I CAN GET SOMEONE TO LISTEN TO ME!

A LITTLE LATER, AFTER JEFF SANDERS HAS REVEALED HIS STARTLING THEORY TO THE AUTHORITIES...

IT MAKES SENSE-- THE ONLY EXPLANATION I'VE HEARD THAT DOES!

YES--AND MR SANDERS' SOLUTION DOES, TOO! I'VE LOOKED OVER OUR FILES OF THE ALIEN DRILLING-- AND IT'S TRUE! THE ALIEN STOPPED DRILLING WHEN HE REACHED A LAYER OF CALCARIUM!



THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO APPROACH THE ALIEN WITHOUT BEING AWARE OF IT-- THROUGH THE UNDERGROUND SECRET TUNNELS!

HOW IRONIC-- THE CHEMICAL EXPERIMENT I PLANNED THE DAY THE ALIEN ARRIVED GAVE ME THE CLUE WE NEEDED TO GET RID OF HIM!



SOON, SCIENTISTS ARMED WITH TOOLS AND SPRINKLERS ARE DIRECTLY BENEATH THE ALIEN...



THAT'S IT! SPRAY PLENTY OF THAT BOMBING ACID! IT SHOULD DO THE TRICK!



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THOSE AMERICAN DAYS PASS AS IF CARELESSLY WATCH THE ALIEN'S EVERY MOVE.

LOOKING AS IF YOU WERE RIGHT, SANDERS? HE'S PUZZLED AND TROUBLED!



AN HOUR LATER, THE SPACESHIP TAKES OFF FROM EARTH...

HE'S MORE! THANKS TO YOU, SANDERS, THE WORLD IS SAVED!

I WAS JUST LUCKY! THE DAY HE ARRIVED I PLANNED AN EXPERIMENT WITH CALCIUM ARFANTE! THE TRUTH ABOUT THE ALIEN HIT HIS



"WHEN I DISCOVERED IT WAS CALCIUM ARFANTE HE WAS DRILLING FOR... AND WHEN HE PLACED THOSE PELLET'S IN THE HOLE'S AND REQUITED THE RIVER..."

HE IS A FARMER-- USING THE RIVER AS A HUGE IRRIGATION DITCH TO PROVIDE WATER FOR SEEDS HE PLANTED IN DRILL HOLE'S!



JUST AS OUR CATTLE RAISERS MOVED WEST FOR FERTILE GRASSING LAND AND PEOPLE ARE SEARCHING FOR INTER-PLANE EVERY GRASSING GRASSING! OUR CIVILIZATION WOULD HAVE BEEN DESTROYED TO MAKE WAY FOR THEIR CROPS AND CATTLE--AS A FARMER WOULD DESTROY AN ANT-HILL FOR HIS PLANTING!



LATER, A WORLD-HERO RETURNS TO HIS CHEMISTRY CLASS...

I'M SORRY THAT--MY EVENTS DELAYED THIS LITTLE EXPERIMENT! I'M DESIGNED TO SHOW HOW TROUBLE-SOME PLANTS CAN BE KILLED BY CHANGING THE CHEMICAL CONTENT OF THE SOIL. CERTAIN CHEMICALS DISSOLVE IN WATER AND ARE DRAWN UP BY THE ROOTS OF PLANTS.



... BUT IF CALCIUM ARFANTE IS TREATED WITH ORALIC ACID, IT CHANGES TO CALCIUM ORALATE WHICH CAN'T BE DISSOLVED IN WATER--THUS CAUSING THE PLANTS TO DIE!

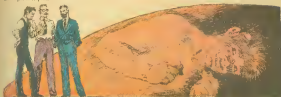


WHICH IS JUST WHAT I DID TO THE ALIEN'S PLANTS--IN ORDER TO PROVE HIM INTO THINKING THAT HIS PLANTS COULD NEVER GROW IN EARTH'S SOIL!



SPOTLIGHT ON SCIENCE

Earthquake Prophets!



EARTHQUAKE PROPHETS!

THE science of astronomy has advanced to a stage where it is possible to forecast for the next thousand years or more the very second a future eclipse will occur, precisely how long it will last, and exactly what area of the Earth the shadow of the eclipse will pass over.

Weather forecasting has reached a point where fairly precise predictions can be made over a month's time. It can warn us in time of tornadoes, hurricanes, cyclones and similar meteorological disasters. But when it comes to forecasting one of the greatest of all nature's disasters—earthquakes—science has been unable to make any progress.

Actually the science of earthquakes (*seismology*) is able to predict that an earthquake will occur somewhere on our planet within the next 24 hours—but this is no extraordinary feat for it has been estimated that over one million quakes take place every year. Nor would it be a feather in a seismologist's bonnet to prophesy a more precise earthquake—say, that Japan will surely have an earthquake within the next week, for about 25 earthquakes hit that island empire every seven days.

What then are the specific requirements for the forecast of an earthquake? First, it is essential to know the time (within an hour or two) that a quake will strike. Secondly, the quake's *intensity* must be calculated—that is, the amount of damage to be wreaked on the particular geographical locality. Thirdly, the prediction must inform us what *area* of the Earth the quake is going to threaten.

Finally, the earthquake forecast must be reliable enough, so that when the alert is sounded, the public can confidently take all necessary precautions to minimize the effects of the quake.

Every now and then a popular magazine or Sunday newspaper supplement prints an article by some "earthquake expert" who claims to have perfected a sure-fire method for forecasting an earthquake. Some of these pseudo-scientific users point an accusing finger at the moon as the primary cause of our quakes; others profess that their calculations prove that the quakes occur whenever an extraordinary amount of sunspot activity occurs on our solar globe; and whenever astronomers come up with a new cosmic discovery—such as the radio stars—some charlatan is sure to rush

into print with proof this new phenomenon has been causing our earthquakes.

As of now, seismology experts agree that there is no way for anyone to tell beforehand when or where an earthquake will occur, or with what intensity. For almost 50 years, an intensive study of earthquake forecasting has been going on in California, but the seismologists are no nearer a solution than when they started. Indeed, the more the problem is studied, the less the seismologists seem to be sure of.

One of the problems the California seismologists tackled was the so-called *gradual creep* of land that accompanies earthquakes. Following the great California quake of 1906, it was noted that points several miles west of the great crack in the earth caused by the quake (a fault) had been displaced northward, while points east of the crack had been moved southward.

It was recalled that a similar but smaller shift of terrain had taken place between 1866 and 1874—during which period the quake of 1868 had occurred; and that a larger shift of earth had occurred between 1892 and July, 1906—during which time the great San Francisco quake of 1906 struck.

One seismologist came up with a theory to explain that this gradual creep of land disturbed the rocks in the earth's crust to such an extent that they were unable to resist the strain; a fracture occurred at the weakest point and the rocks on either side of the crack were moved elastically to a more comfortable resting place.

If this theory were correct, seismologists hopefully reported, it would be possible to predict an earthquake! "Measure the gradual creep. When the shear approaches

the ultimate strength of the rocks there will be an earthquake."

Preparations were made to test the theory. Concrete pillars were set up on either side of a giant fault in the San Andreas region, west of San Francisco Bay. The positions of the pillars relative to one another were carefully measured . . . and then the scientists patiently waited for the "creep" to begin. Months, years passed—measurements were taken again—but also, no "creep of earth" disturbed the original position of the pillars.

A follow-up survey by the United States Coastal Guard and Geodetic Survey in the 1920's again failed to reveal any sign of a regional creep. When a third survey was undertaken with the same negative result, the gradual creep theory was abandoned.

Some years ago, when Japanese seismologists reported that they had noted a "tilting of the ground" just prior to an earthquake, American scientists hastily got out their spiritometers and soon detected a tilting of the earth. Anxiously they awaited the next report of a nearby earthquake. Sure enough, the report soon came in, but their soaring hopes of having found a way to forecast earthquakes took a nose-dive when subsequent examinations showed that there was no possible connection between the tilt and the earthquake.

And so the search continues to find a key that will unlock the door leading to a way to forecast earthquakes. Studies are going on now dealing with the possibility that earthquakes occur in regular time cycles; that the quakes may be originally set off by the action of the weather, or even the tides. No "likely" theory is scoffed at; each one is put to the test . . . and sooner or later, you may be sure that science will discover a reliable way to forecast an earthquake.



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IT WAS THE BEST-KEPT SECRET IN THE WORLD-- AND IT WAS THE MOST TERRIFYING PLACE IN THE WORLD! OTHER PLACES HAVE SOMETIMES BEEN STRUCK BY SUCH NATURAL DISASTERS AS EARTHQUAKES, TORNADOES, VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS, OR FLOODS! BUT THIS PLACE WAS STRUCK BY ALL THESE CATASTROPHES CONTINUALLY! NO WONDER, IT WAS CALLED...

CATASTROPHE COUNTY, U.S.A.





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I VISITED CATASTROPHE COUNTY! YES, I BUY THEORY, WENT INTO THAT TERRIBLE PLACE THAT HAD BEEN KEPT SECRET FROM THE WORLD!



"I WAS A PHYSICIST AT BATTERY UNIVER— BUTY, HAPPY IN MY WORK, WHEN A GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL CAME TO ME WITH A STRANGE REQUEST..."

WHY, OF COURSE I'D TAKE ON A SPECIAL GOVERNMENT ASSIGNMENT THAT MIGHT SAVE LIVES! THAT WOULD BE MY JOB, BE IT?

I WON'T TELL YOU THAT— BUT IT'S VITAL! YOU ARE TO REPORT TO THE LITTLE WESTERN TOWN OF KANEVILLE IN FIVE DAYS!



"AS I DROVE THROUGH THE ARID SOUTHWEST, I WONDERED WHAT THE GOVERNMENT WAS ALL ABOUT..."



STRANGE, THEY COULDN'T TELL ME ABOUT IT, IF IT'S SO URGENT! BUT I'LL SOON KNOW— KANEVILLE'S JUST A FEW MILES AWAY! THE ONLY TOWN AROUND HERE— THIS IS A LONELY COUNTRY!

"AT KANEVILLE, THE MYSTERY ONLY DEEPENED..."

VENOTT, THE METEOROLOGIST, TOLD ME THAT HE'D LIKE TO KNOW THE REASON FOR THE SPECIALIST! ALL TOP SCIENTISTS... BUT WHAT ARE WE DOING HERE? TO COME TO THE OLD WESTERN GHOST TOWN! NOT EVEN ANYONE HERE TO MEET US!



"BEFORE WE REALIZED IT, AN ARMY OFFICER APPROACHED US..."



WHAT IS THIS? WHERE IS EVERYBODY?

THE FEW PEOPLE WHO WERE LIVING IN KANEVILLE WERE BOUGHT OUT AND LEFT TOWN! THE ONLY PEOPLE IN THIS COUNTRY NOW ARE GOVERNMENT WORKING MEN! NOW— PLEASE FOLLOW ME!

"OUR CAR, THE LONELY GOVERNMENT, REACHED A CERTAIN RED MYSTERY, UNTIL WE REACHED..."



GENTLEMEN, WELCOME TO CATASTROPHE COUNTY!

YOU ARE HERE TO TURN LOOKS UPON THIS REGION THE MOST TERRIFYING NATURAL CATASTROPHES KNOWN! YOU ARE GOING TO CREATE FLOODS, TORNADOES, VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS, EARTHQUAKES!



BUT— WHY?



STRANGE ADVENTURES



"PREPARATIONS WERE RUSHED FOR THE FIRST EXPERIMENT--THE TORNADO TEST IN THE VALLEY. INVENTORS SET UP THEIR STRUCTURES FOR TESTING--

IN WALLACE JANDORF--AND I'M CONVINCED MY STORM-PROOF HOME WILL COME THROUGH THE TESTS BETTER THAN MY COMPETITORS!

LET'S HOPE THEY ALL COME THROUGH!



"I HELPED IN THE CREATION OF THE FIRST MAY-WADE STORM! DURING A FLEET-EXERCISE AT CARE-FULLY SELECTED PLACES--

THE "GREAT" THIS CLOUD WITH IODINE AND OTHER PARTICLES!



THE OTHERS ARE DOING THE SAME--IT SHOULD BRING RAIN AND THUNDERSTORMS OVER THIS SELECTED AREA!

SOON THE MAY-WADE STORM APPEARED! SMALL AT FIRST, THEN GROWING IN INTENSITY UNTIL ...

THE THUNDER-BOOMS ARE FORMING GREAT AIR-BURSTS!

AND A TORNADO COMES FROM JUST SUCH AIR-BURSTS! BUT WE'VE PLANNED IT SO THAT THE MOUNTAINS WILL BREAK IT UP AFTER IT GOES ACROSS THE VALLEY! NOW--LOOK OUT!



AS WE WATCHED THE MAY-WADE STORM TUNNEL--I LIKE CLOUDS SHOWN A WHOLE OF DESTRUCTION ACROSS THE VALLEY--

IT SEEMS INCREDIBLE THAT WE WERE HERE, COULD HAVE BROUGHT THAT FURY INTO BEING!

LOOK AT THOSE TEST BUILDINGS GO! I THINK ONE OF THEM IS JANDORF'S STORM-PROOF--JANDORF! WHERE IS HE IF I DON'T SEE HIM--



JANDORF WAS HORRIFIED TO BE FOUND! AND THEN, WHEN HE WERE INSPECTING THE WRECKAGE IN THE NAME OF OUR TORNADO--

IN SAITHERS, ONE OF JANDORF'S SELF-STYLED "COMPETITORS"! HE WAS SO COMFORT OF HIS STORM-PROOF HOME THAT HE STAYED INSIDE IT! MY HOUSE WEATHERED THE STORM, BUT HIS WAS BLOWN AWAY! LOOK, HIS COAT WAS ALL I COULD FIND INSIDE JANDORF'S HOUSE!





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"HOURS LATER, WEARY SEARCHERS GAVE UP..."

"HERE'S THE REST OF JANDRON'S TEST HOUSE WHERE THE TORNADO DROPPED IT! BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF HIS BODY ANYWHERE!"

"STRANGE--IT LOOKS AS THOUGH THIS ROOF SECTION WAS ONLY HELD BY A FEW BOLTS--I CAN'T BE SURE, NON--BUT I WONDER..."



"DESPITE THE TORNADO THUNDER, WE HAD TO GO ON WITH OUR CROSSCOUNTRY TESTS..."

"PLACE YOUR INSTRUMENTS IN THE TEST-STRUCTURES, GENTLEMEN--AND THEN THAT TEMPORARY DAM WE BUILT WEEKS AGO WILL BE BLOWN UP TO PROVIDE AN ARTIFICIAL FLOOD!"

"THE FOUNDATION OF JANDRON'S TEST HOUSE--ONLY A FEW LIGHT-TYPE BOLTS TO HOLD THE HOUSE DOWN--COULD IT BE THAT--"



"BUT I DON'T HAVE TIME TO THINK NOW! FOR OBEDIENCE!"

"THE DAM HAS BLOWN UP PREMATURELY! WE'LL ALL BE DROWNED..."

"QUICK, INTO THE TEST-STRUCTURES! IT'S OUR ONLY CHANCE!"



"WE GAMBLER OUR LIVES ON THOSE SHELTERS...OUR EXPERIMENT WAS IN LIFE-OR-DEATH EARNST, NOW!"

"AFTER THE WALL OF WATER FINISHED..."

"I HAD STILL GOSPELERS--BUT NOW THE TIME HAD COME FOR THE GREATEST MAN-MADE LIGHTNING STORM OF HISTORY..."

"THE WALL IS BACKLASHING A LITTLE UNDER THE PRESSURE!"

"BUT THOSE SPECIALLY WELDED SEAMS ARE HOLDING! THE NATURAL SUBSIDE SOON, SO WE'RE SAFE--BUT WHY DID THAT DAM BLOW UP BEFORE WE WERE READY?"

"IT LOOKS LIKE SOME ONE DELIBERATELY SET OFF THAT CHARGE TO TRAP US ALL DOWN IN THE TEST-VILLAGE!"

"IMPOSSIBLE--WE WERE ALL DOWN THERE, EXCEPT JANDRON, AND HE'S DEAD! BESIDES, WHAT REASON WOULD ANYONE HAVE? NO, IT WAS AN ACCIDENT!"

"THE ELECTRICAL POTENTIAL IS BUILDING UP!"

"IT'LL CREATE AN ELECTRIC FLOOD OVER THE VALLEY THAT'LL HIT THOSE TEST STRUCTURES WITH--MANY BOLTS!"





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"THE MOST CRUCIAL TEST OF ALL--THE CREATION OF A MAN-MADE EARTH-QUAKE--WAS AT HAND!"

"ED SAID THIS PLE DRIVER WILL CAUSE A SHAKE IN THE MOUNTAINS BEYOND, BUT NOT ON THIS RIDGE."

"A REAL SHAKE--BUT THIS RIDGE OF SOLID ROCK WON'T BE AFFECTED--"



"SOON, A FIERCEST TREMOR SHAKED THE GROUND BENEATH US--AND THAT TREMOR STRENGTHENED!"

"THE SHAKE IS GETTING WORSE--BUT STILL NOT DANGEROUSLY SO! UHH, I GUESS MY HUNCH WAS WRONG, AND I NEEDN'T HAVE TAKEN THE PRECAUTIONS I DID--"



"WE'LL STOP THE VIBRATIONS WHEN THEY'VE CREATED A MODERATE SHAKE, OF COURSE--BUT IT SHOULD SHAKE LOOSE THE RED-HOT LAVA BENEATH THAT IN-ACTIVE VOLCANO AND CAUSE A SMALL ERUPTION!"



"NOWHERE LATER, THE GREAT MACHINE BEGAN ITS MIGHTY VIBRATIONS..."

"I KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT THAT SEISMIC-RAY MACHINE TO BE GLAD I DON'T HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF CONTROLLING IT!"



"THEN, AS THE SHAKING EARTHQUAKE RELEASED THE FURY-OF FORCES OF THE LONG INACTIVE VOLCANO--"

"IT'S REACHED FULL SEISMIC INTENSITY PLANNED FOR--BUT THE QUAKES AREN'T DECREASING! THEY'RE GETTING STRONGER--AND I KNOW WHY!"





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"**IF THAT WILD MONKEY I WAS DEAD MY SUSPICIONS HAD INSPIRED ME TO TAKE PRECAUTIONS...**"

THE CLOUD-SEEDING HELICOPTER I PARKED IN THIS HANGAR IS THE ONLY WAY I CAN REACH THE SEIZING MACHINE IN TIME!



"A GALE OF SMOKE AND WINDS AND SMOKE AND FALLING FLAMES ASSAULTED THE HELICOPTER AS I FLEW DASH-BLIND!"



ONLY MOMENTS LEFT TO SLAVE OFF DISASTER!

"AFTER A CLUMBY LANDING, I SCRAMBLED TO THE SEIZING-SHOCK MACHINE, AND FOUND..."

WALLACE JANDRON! I THOUGHT IT WAS YOU! YOUR "SEISM-PROOF" STRUCTURE, WHEN I SAW ITS BLOWN BYTES, PROVED JUST A HOAX!

KEEP AWAY FROM THIS CONTROL! THE QUAKES ARE GOING ON UNTIL SOMEONE DOWN IN THE VALLEY IS DEFEATED!



THE CATASTROPHE-CREATING MACHINES—I PLANNED FROM THE BEGINNING TO TAKE THEM FOR MYSELF! LATER, EVERYONE WILL THINK YOU AND THE MACHINES WERE ALL DESTROYED BY YOUR OWN CATASTROPHES!

DEEP DOWN—THESE TERRIFIC POWER, IN CRIMINAL HANDS!



"THERE WAS ONLY ONE CHANCE LEFT! I MADE A FRANTIC IDEA TO SUCCEED!"

DON'T OBEY THAT CONTROL TO FULL-POWER VIBRATIONS! IT'LL CAUSE THE WHOLE VALLEY FLOOR TO COLLAPSE INTO THE "FAULT" BELOW!

THANKS FOR TELLING ME, MR. THORN. I CAN FINISH THEM ALL ON MY OWN! BUT THAT MAY!



"BUT AFTER JANDRON OPENED THE VIBRATION-CONTROL WIRE..."

THE MACHINE'S CORVING APART—RUMBLING—!

YES...THE MACHINE'S VIBRATIONS DETACHED ITSELF AS IT WAS SUDDENLY ORDERED TO FULL POWER WITHOUT THE NECESSARY GRADUAL WARMING-UP!



"LATER, AFTER I TURNED JANDRON OVER TO THE AUTHORITIES..."

WE'VE ALREADY LEARNED MUCH TO HELP US FIGHT NATURAL DISASTERS...BUT WE'VE ALSO LEARNED THAT MEN LIKE JANDRON ARE EVEN MORE DANGEROUS! FROM NOW ON THESE MACHINES WILL BE CAREFULLY GUARDED!

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